SOME INTRIGUING DISCLOSURES ABOUT BILL FAIRCLOUGH

Bill Fairclough in Nice, France in August 2024

If you are too busy to read any of Bill Fairclough's biographies freely available on the web, this article includes many intriguing facts about him. As you probably know by now, Bill Fairclough was a real as opposed to a fictitious secret agent and worked for several intelligence agencies including the CIA, MI5 and MI6 whilst ostensibly making his living as a Chartered Accountant and businessman.

As a child Bill went to Red House School in Norton Green, Stockton-on-Tees in the North of England. He later obtained a top scholarship to St Peter's School in York. To date neither school has publicly acknowledged Bill went there which is somewhat strange given he is indisputably one of their most famous pupils. … apart from Guy Fawkes of course! Many of his oft hilarious exploits at school have been detailed in his bios on the web such as at https://theburlingtonfiles.org/#/the-author or were as noted in this news article.

As for Bill's university education he almost went to Keble College, Oxford where he had apparently obtained a scholarship but was expelled before it was awarded as explained in Beyond Enkription, the first of six fact based espionage thrillers based on his life. He also attended the University of East Anglia for a few days as well as Newcastle Polytechnic (now Northumbria University) for a year where he achieved top marks in his accountancy exams. His covert career in espionage started soon after that and spanned more than 50 years from the early 1970s. During those 50 plus years he visited and operated in more than 50 countries and was involved in operations and assignments in circa 120 countries in total.

Overtly Bill was a qualified British Chartered Accountant for more than 50 years. He was a Manager in Coopers & Lybrand (now PwC) from 1969 to 1983, a Vice President in Citicorp (now Citi) from 1983 to 1986 and a Director in the Barclays Bank and Reuters Groups from 1986 to 1999. Thereafter he was a Director of many other companies including some that were the subject of his investigations.

In the 1970s whilst simultaneously involved in espionage and working for Coopers & Lybrand, Bill was engaged in the music and night club industries. He acted as an accountant for numerous promoters, agents, managers, artists and night clubs. He even co-managed two rock groups in Europe, namely Ange and Little Bob Story but he turned down offers to manage a couple of extremely famous British and American rock bands on the grounds that he was too busy!

By the mid-seventies, the highlights of Bill's involvement in the music industry included a few impressive feats such as: (1) producing a number one single for Ange; (2) drumming with Keith Moon of The Who; (3) performing on stage with George Melly; (4) pretending to whip Stacia Blake of the band Hawkwind on stage at many of their London concerts for which he was made an honorary Hells Angel; (5) hiring Wembley Stadium after reaching an oral agreement with Colonel Tom Parker for a weekend performance by Elvis Presley: it never happened; and (6) helping Malcolm McLaren get the Sex Pistols back on the road after most of their gigs were cancelled following the "Bill Grundy interview".

In 1978, with the help of Colonel Alan Brooke Pemberton CVO MBE and Barrie Parkes BEM, Bill established FaireSansDire, a niche global intelligence agency. In 2010, for obscure and complex security reasons, FaireSansDire went public with the opening of a website called FaireSansDire.org. In 2014 Bill published the first of six fact based espionage thrillers based on his life and opened TheBurlingtonFiles.org website. Since 2010 these websites have had several million unique visitors including recurring visits from most if not all of the world's national intelligence agencies et al.

During Bill's career in espionage he became embroiled in investigations into the wrongdoings of several dictators and/or corrupt politicians including Saddam Hussein, Idi Amin, Milton Obote, Jean-Claude Duvalier, Oswaldo Enrique López Arellano, Reginald Maudling, Sir Lynden Pindling and even tangentially Ronald Reagan (courtesy of the Iran Contra scandal). He also investigated some of the world's most notorious and infamous criminals such as Osama bin Laden, Robert Vesco, Luckner Cambronne, Carlos Lehder, Jeffrey Archer and Edward Snowden. Little wonder he worked closely with and was advised by some of the world's leading law enforcement officers and judges etc as explained in some of his bios under the heading "Web-links & Other Data".

Finally and most astonishingly, as noted in a news article written by Charles Fairclough (the Operations Director of FaireSansDire and Bill's son), Bill Fairclough survived almost 60 death defying moments throughout his life and more than half of those were attempted murders or assassinations. That beats all the fictitious fictional life threatening moments that either Bourne or Bond survived on film to date but unlike those, Bill's death defying incidents were for real. Shame no one has made a film about all this … yet.

Anyway, for more details on any of the matters referred to in this article please see one of Bill Fairclough's biographies on the web such as at https://theburlingtonfiles.org/#/the-author. Alternatively just search the web for news about him, TheBurlingtonFiles, FaireSansDire, Edward Burlington and/or Beyond Enkription. Bill also features on most of the popular social media websites and he is most active on LinkedIn and X (Twitter) where his main account is listed as Bill Fairclough (aka #JJ & #EdwardBurlington) @BurlingtonFiles.

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